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8-TIME DEPORTEE SENTENCED TO 92 MONTHS

Mexican national was previously convicted four-times for drug possession

BAY CITY, Mich. — A criminal alien from Mexico was sentenced here Tuesday to 92 months in prison for re-entering the U.S. after having been previously deported eight times, announced U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Alberto Lozano-Alvarez, 60, a citizen of Mexico, was apprehended by ICE at his residence in Saginaw, Mich., after information was received that he was back in the area attempting to adjust his citizenship status. ICE special agents conducted database checks and determined that Alvarez was first deported from the United States in December 1973 followed by seven additional verified deportations to Mexico. Re-entering the United States after having been deported is a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

The ICE investigation revealed that Alvarez had numerous convictions as an aggravated felon, including drug possession, and carrying a concealed weapon. He was additionally convicted in October 1985 for escaping from the custody of the U.S. Marshal Service.

Alvarez was also convicted for re-entry after removal from the U.S. in March 2004. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals vacated Alvarez's conviction and remanded the sentencing back to U.S. District Court Judge David Lawson where Alvarez was re-sentenced to his original sentence of 92 months in prison.

Criminals who believe that they can violate the integrity of our borders with impunity should take note of this sentence," said Brian M. Moskowitz, special agent in charge of the ICE Detroit Office of Investigations. "Re-entry after deportation is a serious federal offense that undermines our border security efforts and places the public at risk. ICE will continue to investigate these crimes and seek prosecution against those who commit them."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Brunson, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan, Northern Division, prosecuted the case.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.